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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Title:**

Please amend the title as follows: A VENTED COUNTERTOP ROTISSERIE OVEN.

**In the Specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph, page 1, beginning on line 5:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)**

This application claims priority from application Serial Number 09/502,940, filed February 11, 2000, which claimed priority from application Serial Number 09/217,944, filed December 21, 1998 now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,170,390.

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 1-71, and add claims 72-90.

72. (New) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:  
an enclosure that includes walls;  
a heating element inside the enclosure;  
means for rotating the food by the heating element; and  
a vent located in one of the walls of the enclosure, the vent having an indent  
extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

73. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, wherein the vent is louvered.

74. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, whereby heated air escapes  
the rotisserie oven by first moving up inside the enclosure past the vent and then moving down  
inside the enclosure.

75. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, further comprising a plurality  
of vents, each of the plurality of vents having an indent extending into the enclosure with an  
opening at the top of the indent.

76. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 75, whereby heated air escapes  
the rotisserie oven by first moving up inside the enclosure past the plurality of vents and the  
by moving downward inside the enclosure.

77. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, wherein the enclosure  
includes a roof, a wall and a curved section and the vent is located in the curved section.

78. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 75, wherein the enclosure  
includes a roof, a wall and a curved section and the plurality of vents are located in the curved  
section.

79. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

80. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 75, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

81. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 77, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

82. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 78, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

83. (New) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:  
an enclosure having a roof, a wall and a curved section extending from the wall to the roof;  
a heating element inside the enclosure;  
means for rotating the food by the heating element; and  
a vent located in the curved section.

84. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 83, wherein the curved section is located between a rear wall and the roof of the rotisserie oven.

85. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 83, further comprising a plurality of vents located in the curved section.

86. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 83, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

87. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 84, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

88. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 83, wherein the vent has an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

89. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 83, further comprising a plurality of vents located in the curved section.

90. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 89, wherein the plurality of vents have an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

#### REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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Please delete ~~ENCLOSED ROTISSERIE WITH ADDED CONVENIENCE~~ and replace with A VENTED COUNTERTOP ROTISSERIE OVEN.

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